Organising of water resources month in Rajasthan

1800. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to organise water resources month instead of day particularly in the state of Rajasthan where there is acute scarcity of water;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) No, Sir. The Water Resources Day is organised throughout the country sometime during April to June every year. The day is fixed locally depending on the local conditions and convenience. There is no proposal to organise Water Resources Month instead of a Water Resources Day.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The objective of the Water Resources Day is to make the people more conscious about the problems associated with the management of water and involve them in the deliberations on the important issues associated with the development and management of water resources. Organising a Water Resources Month will be an expensive affair and it is not likely to sustain the interest for so long a period as a month every year. Activities and functions planned for a day at different places have been found to be effective enough.

Aravalli Project in Rajasthan

1801. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the World Bank-aided Aravalli Project;

(b) the funds already received and additional funds likely to be received and time schedule therefor; and

(c) whether Government of Rajasthan have also submitted any further proposals in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) There is no World Bank aided Aravalli Project implemented through the Ministry of Agriculture. However, there is a project, namely, "Afforestation Project in Aravalli Hills—State of Rajasthan" appraised by the OECF, Japan and implemented though the National Wasteland Development Board in the Ministry of Environment & Forests. The Project covering 10 districts of Rajasthan at a total cost of Rs. 166.9 crores is expected to start from 1992-93 over a period of over a five years.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Japanese help for Development of Desert in Rajasthan

1802. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Japan is helping India to convert the desert of Rajasthan into agricultural productive areas and also some steps have already been taken in advance to this effect;

(b) if so the details thereof; and

(c) the financial help likely to be extended by Government of Japan and the amount already received in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A project for afforestation and pasture development along Indira Gandhi Canal area in Rajasthan to arrest the wind erosion has been taken up from 5th February, 1991, with the assistance from Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF), Japan. Project covers 61400 ha. and includes works of canal side plantation, roadside plantation, sand-dune stabilisation, pasture development, block plantation, farm forestry, environmental plantation, creation of nurseries and research, training and monitering etc.

(c) Total cost of the project is 7869 million Yen equivalent to Rs. 107.5 crores for a period of five years. An expenditure of Rs. 2.69 crores has been incurred during 1990-91.

Privatisation of sanction work in NDMC areas

1803. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NDMC has decided to privatise the sanitation work in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what other activities of NDMC are further likely to be privatised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) N.D.M.C. has reported that the following items of sanitation have been given on contract:

1. Maintenance and operation of fabricated portion of compectors for garbage removel.

2. Sweeping and cleaning of:

(i) Palika Bazar;

(ii) Lavatory block of central park of Connaught Place;

(iii) Palika Kendra; and

(iv) Swati Hostel at Mandir Marg.

3. Maintenance of lavatory block in Palika Place.

(c) No other activities, except garbage removal from a few selected areas of NDMC, are likely to be privatised.

दिल्ली में रिंग रेल प्रणाली

1804. **डा० रत्नाकर पांडेय :** क्या शहरी विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि दिल्ली रिंग रेलवे परियोजना के संबंध में अब तक कितनी प्रगति की गई है और उक्त परियोजना का ब्यौरा क्या है और इसके विस्तार की क्या योजना है ?

शहरी विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० अरूणाचलम) : वर्तमान रिंग रेलवे प्रणाली में दक्षिण खंड और एक उत्तरी खंड शामिल है जो कि मुख्य रेल लाइन नेटवर्क का एक हिस्सा है। वर्तमान में रेलवे द्वारा दिल्ली में इस नेटवर्क पर 5 जोड़ी सर्कुलर ट्रेन चलाई जा रही है। रिंग रेलवे के विस्तार का आज की तारीख को कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

दिल्ली और वाराणसी के बीच यात्रियों को प्रदान की जाने वाली सुविधायें

1805. **डा० रत्नाकर पांडेय :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या 1991-92 के वर्ष के दौरान दिल्ली और वाराणसी के बीच चलने वाली रेल गाड़ियों में यात्रा करने वाले यात्रियों को सुविधायें प्रदान करने की कोई योजना थी ; यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : यात्री सुविधा समिति की सिफारिशों के अनुसार सवारी डिब्बों में सभी यात्री सुविधायें मुहैया कराई जाती हैं। दिल्ली-वाराणसी गाड़ियों के लिए कोई विशेष योजना विचाराधीन नहीं है। बहरहाल, परीक्षण के तौर पर निम्नलिखित गाड़ियों में पानी के कूलरों की व्यवस्था की गई है :—

(i) 4057/4058 काशी विश्वनाथ
(ii) 4265/4266 देहरादून-वाराणसी
(iii) 4283/4284 गंगा-जमुना एक्सप्रेस

सिनेमा उद्योग से जुड़े कर्मकार

1806. **डा० रत्नाकर पांडेय :** क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस समय सिनेमा उद्योग से कितने कर्मकार जुड़े हुए हैं ;